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SUBJ: IMF/IBRD ANNUAL MEETINGS

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1. WE KNOW OF NO PROPOSALS ALGERIA LIKELY TO MAKE AND NO MAJOR ISSUES ALGERIAN DELEGATION LIKELY TO RAISE WITH US OFFICIALS. IF APPROPRIATE OCCASION ARISES US DELEGATION MAY WISH EXPRESS DIS-APPOINTMENT THAT ALGERIANS FAILED TO JOIN MAJORITY IN BLOCKING INCREASES IN EXCESSIVE SALARIES OF BANK/FUND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES.

2. AMBASSADOR IS SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH FINANCE MINISTER MOHAMED SEDDIK BENYAHIA AS PART OF FORMER'S ROUND OF INTRODUCTORY CALLS. IF HE OBTAINS APPOINTMENT BEFORE IMF/IBRD MEEINGS HE WILL ATTEMPT ELICIT INFORMATION ABOUT ALGERIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD THESE INSTI-TUTIONS AND ABOUT ISSUES ALGERIANS LIKELY TO RAISE. WE ASSUME THAT BENYAHIA WILL HEAD ALGERIAN DELEGATION.

3. WE REALIZE THAT SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S SCHEDULE IS VERY TIGHT BUT A BLUMENTHAL/BENYAHIA MEETING, EVEN IF VERY BRIEF, SHOULD HELP TO BREAK THE ICE WITH THE FINANCE MINISTER. BENYAHIA IS NEW TO HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JOB AND NEW TO FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND IS ALMOST INACCESSIBLE TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN ALGIERS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A REPORT ON ANY MEETINGS THAT BENYAHIA OR OTHER MEMBERS OF ALGERIAN DELEGATION MAY HAVE IN WASHINGTON.

4. FINANCE MINISTRY HAS PROMISED TO GIVE US NAMES OF DELEGATION MEMBERS BUT SLOWING EFFECT OF RAMADHAN ON ALREADY SLOW ALGERIAN

BUREAUCRATIC PROCESSES DOES NOT ENCOURAGE US TO BELIEVE THAT WE
WILL BE GIVEN THE NAMES MUCH BEFORE THE MEETINGS.
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